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ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, focusing on improving use of funds, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Sampieri, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Phoenix, Arizona; Nina Shokrai Rees, Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Mike Watson, Arkansas Policy Foundation, Little Rock; and Betty Preston,

Missouri State Board of Education, Chillicothe, on behalf of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine prescription drug benefits provided by health maintenance organizations (HMO) that participate in the Medicare+Choice program, focusing on a report that examines how Medicare HMOs manage drug formularies to control drug expenditures and the implications for beneficiaries, after receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Elizabeth Helms, TMJ Society, Sacramento, California, on behalf of the Citizens for the Right to Know; Richard Jones, UnitedHealthcare, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Mary Jane Lathrop, Antelope, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 18 public bills, H.R. 2558–2575; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 159–161, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 834, to extend the authorization for the National Historic Preservation Fund, amended (H. Rept. 106–241);

H.R. 1934, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to establish the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, amended (H. Rept. 106–242);

H.R. 1655, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the civilian energy and scientific research, development, and demonstration and related commercial application of energy technology programs, projects, and activities of the Department of Energy, amended (H. Rept. 106–243);

H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, (H. Rept. 106–244);

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2000 (H. Rept. 106–245); and

H. Res. 256, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2488, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce individual income tax rates, to provide marriage penalty relief, to reduce taxes on savings and investments, to provide estate and gift tax

relief, to provide incentives for education savings and health care (H. Rept. 106–246).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Wilson to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:35 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

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Private Calendar: On the call of the Private Calendar, the House passed the following measures:

Relief of Suchada Kwong: H.R. 322, amended, for the relief of Suchada Kwong;

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Relief of Ruth Hairston: H.R. 660, for the private relief of Ruth Hairston by waiver of a filing deadline for appeal from a ruling relating to her application for a survivor annuity;

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Transfer of Land to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe: S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest—clearing the measure for the President; and

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Transfer of Land Comprising the Steffens Family Property: S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of

the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property—clearing the measure for the President.

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Designating the Memorial Door in Honor of Officers Chestnut and Gibson: Under suspension of the rules, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 158, amended, designating the Document Door of the United States Capitol as the “Memorial Door” by a yeas and nays vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 311.

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American Embassy Security Act: The House resumed consideration of H.R. 2415, to enhance security of United States missions. The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to the bill on July 19.

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Agreed to:

The Campbell substitute to the Smith of New Jersey amendment that prohibits any United States contributions to the United Nations Population Fund to be used for abortion or for the population control program in China and requires a dollar for dollar reduction of U.S. contributions if the United Nations provides any funding for the Chinese government program (agreed to by a recorded vote of 221 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 312); and

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The Smith of New Jersey amendment, as amended, that prohibits United States contributions to the United Nations Population Fund for abortion or the population control program in China and lowers U.S. contributions if the United Nations uses U.S. funds for the Chinese program.

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Rejected:

The Sanford amendment that sought to reduce funding to the fiscal year 1998 levels of \$12 million for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, \$1.5 million for the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center, and \$8 million for the Asia Foundation (rejected by a recorded vote of 180 yeas to 237 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 313); and

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The Paul amendment that sought to eliminate the authorization of funding for United Nations programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 74 yeas to 342 nays, Roll No. 314).

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H. Res. 247, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on July 16.

Teacher Empowerment Act: The House passed H.R. 1995, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act by a recorded vote of 239 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 320.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule.

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Agreed to:

The Lazio amendment that encourages teacher mentoring programs, outlines their essential components, and strengthens the alternative certification program for teachers;

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The Castle amendment that authorizes the use of funds to develop and implement professional development programs to train teachers in the use of technology to improve teaching and learning;

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The McIntosh amendment that requires local educational agencies to describe their collaboration processes with teachers, principals, parents, and administrators to ensure parental involvement in decision-making;

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The Fletcher amendment that authorizes professional instruction in methods to teach character education;

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The Andrews amendment that specifies the importance of programs designed to improve the quality of principals;

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The Kucinich amendment that establishes the National Clearinghouse for Teacher Entrepreneurship;

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The Hilleary amendment that allows the Secretary of Education to include grants for needy rural school districts;

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The Roemer amendment that creates a competitive program, based on the Troops-to-Teachers program, to recruit qualified math and science teachers for high-need school systems;

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The Goodling amendment that makes technical changes, ensures that states receive funding at the fiscal year 1999 level or the new formula, whichever is greater; and strengthens accountability provisions (agreed to by a recorded vote of 424 yeas with 1 voting “no”, Roll No. 316); and

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The Crowley amendment that expresses the sense of Congress that quality teachers are integral to the development of children and that it is essential that Congress work to ensure their highest quality (agreed to by a recorded vote of 425 yeas with none voting “no”, Roll No. 318).

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Rejected:

The Mink of Hawaii amendment that sought to create a program to provide grants for teachers who take sabbatical leave to pursue study for professional development (rejected by a recorded vote of 181 yeas to 242 nays, Roll No. 317); and

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The Martinez amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to authorize \$1.5 billion for

teacher training; \$1.5 billion for class size reduction activities; and allow the Secretary to award grants that include the establishment of technology centers, a clearinghouse for math and science education, and school counseling programs (rejected by a recorded vote of 207 ayes to 217 noes, Roll No. 319).

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of the bill to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and make such other technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 253, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea and nay vote of 227 yeas to 187 nays, Roll No. 315.

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Financial Services Act: The House passed S. 900, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 10, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 12:51 a.m. on July 21.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H5845.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and eight recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H5852–53, H5853–54, H5854–55, H5855, H5862–63, H5915–16, H5916–17, H5917, H5917–18, and H5918–19. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 12:52 a.m. on July 21.

Committee Meetings

SMALL WATERSHED REHABILITATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit approved for full Committee action H.R. 728, Small Watershed Rehabilitation Amendments of 1999.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT; FOREIGN OPERATIONS; AND DC APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Ordered reported the following appropriations for fiscal year 2000: Energy and Water Development; the District of Columbia;

and Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs.

FINANCIAL PRIVACY

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on financial privacy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY—SECURITY INSPECTION RESULTS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Results of Security Inspections at the Department of Energy's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Gil Weigand, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Strategic Computing and Simulation; Glenn S. Podonsky, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oversight, Office of Environment, Safety and Health; James Turner, Manager, Oakland Operations Office; and C. Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to receive classified information on this subject.

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded hearings on H.R. 2384, Corporation for Public Broadcasting Authorization Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDREN—EXAMINING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth, and Families held a hearing on Examining Education Programs Benefiting Native American Children. Testimony was heard from Joe Christie, Acting Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2031, amended, Twenty-First Amendment Enforcement Act; H.R. 2336, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General; H.R. 456, amended, for the relief of the survivors of the 14 members of the Armed Forces and the one United States civilian Federal